

SENATE BILL 962

By Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 10; Title 7; Title 8; Title 65 and Title 68,
Chapter 204, relative to energy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) is directed to perform a study of the reliability of the power grid on which this state relies for its electricity. The study must:

(1) Assess the power grid's reliability in extreme weather scenarios, including heat waves, winter storms, tornadoes, and floods;

(2) Examine precautions taken by municipal utilities, electric cooperatives, and other similar entities that rely on electricity from the grid to mitigate the potential impact of extreme weather scenarios on the power supply;

(3) Determine whether municipal utilities, electric cooperatives, and other similar entities in this state that rely on electricity from the grid have the capability of doing an annual assessment of the reliability of the power grid in extreme weather scenarios that affect the entity's ability to provide a power supply to residents of this state; and

(4) Be conducted from TACIR's existing resources.

(b) All appropriate state departments and agencies, and municipal utilities and electric cooperatives, shall provide assistance to TACIR. TACIR may seek assistance from the Tennessee Valley authority.

(c) On or before January 1, 2024, TACIR shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to each member of the general assembly, and shall provide a copy of the report to the legislative librarian. The report may be delivered electronically.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.